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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: New U.S. Patent Appl.
Our Ref: 381NP/50950

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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entitled: **WASHING MACHINE**

Enclosed are:

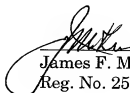
1. X Specification, including 15 claims and abstract (36 pages total).
2. X 14 Sheets of Formal drawings showing Figs. 1-16(b).
3. X Declaration and Power of Attorney (**executed**).
4. X Assignment of the invention to Hitachi, Ltd.
5. X Certified copy of Priority Document 2001-053431 filed in Japan on February 28, 2001, the priority of which is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55.
6. Information Disclosure Statement w/_ references.
7. Applicant claims Small Entity Status.
See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.)
8. X Preliminary Amendment.
9. X The filing fee has been calculated as shown below. Please enter the Preliminary Amendment prior to calculating the claims fees:

Basic Fee							\$370/740	=	\$ 740.00
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Two checks in the amount of \$866.00 for the filing fee and \$40.00 for the assignment recording fee are enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #381NP/50950). A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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